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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTAL FOR SANDIA  
NATIONAL LABORATORIES/NEW MEXICO**  
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The State of New Mexico is authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program in lieu of the Federal program for those portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (**RCRA**) in effect prior to the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (**HSWA**) of 1984. In January 1996, the State of New Mexico was authorized to operate a hazardous waste management program for HSWA, which imposes additional corrective action requirements on hazardous waste facilities for releases to the environment.

Under authority of the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act (HWA; Section 74-4-1 *et seq.*, NMSA 1978, (1998 CUM. SUPP.)) and New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations (20.4.1 NMAC, Revised June 14, 2000), the New Mexico Environment Department (**NMED**) can approve, approve with conditions, or deny, hazardous waste management permit and closure plan applications, permit modifications, amendments, and reapplications. Under this authority, NMED hereby provides public notice of the following permit application submitted for renewal.

**SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES, NEW MEXICO, RCRA PERMIT NO. NM5890110518-1**  
located on Kirtland Air Force Base, southeast of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The U.S. Department of Energy / Sandia National Laboratories (**DOE/SNL**) submitted a permit application on February 6, 2002. The DOE/SNL application is available for public review at the Government Information Department, Zimmerman Library, located at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131, and at NMED, Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303. SNL's current operating RCRA Permit expires August 6, 2002.

SNL is a multi-purpose engineering and science laboratory owned by the DOE and co-operated by Sandia Corporation, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin, and the DOE. SNL designs non-nuclear components for the nation's nuclear weapons, performs a wide variety of energy research and development projects, and works on assignments that respond to national security threats. SNL generates wastes that are regulated under the RCRA, the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Act and implementing regulations. SNL's operations include: the Chemical Waste Landfill used for disposal of RCRA-regulated wastes; four Hazardous Waste Management and Storage Units; one Thermal Treatment Unit comprising a burn cage used for thermal treatment of explosive wastes generated by operations; a Radioactive and Mixed Waste Management Unit used for storage, treatment, and packaging of RCRA-regulated wastes generated during SNL operations and corrective action activities; a High Bay Waste Storage Facility used for storage and packaging of RCRA-regulated wastes generated during SNL operations and corrective action activities; seven Manzano Storage Bunkers used for storage of RCRA-regulated wastes generated during operations and corrective action activities; an Auxiliary Hot Cell Unit used for treatment, packaging, and storage of RCRA-regulated wastes generated during SNL operations and corrective action activities; and a Corrective Action Management Unit (**CAMU**) which is used for staging, treatment, and containment of bulk and containerized remediation wastes generated during environmental cleanup activities.

**Permit Applicant.** The contact name and address for the SNL permit application is: Mr. John Gould, Area Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Kirtland Area Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400.

Pursuant to the New Mexico Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, 20.4.1.900.C(1) NMAC, prior to the submission of the Permit renewal application SNL held a meeting with the public on January 17, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center located at I-40 and Carlisle Boulevard in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Albuquerque Journal on Tuesday December 18, 2001. The purpose of the public meeting was to inform the community of the proposed hazardous waste management activities at SNL's treatment, storage and disposal units and to solicit questions from the public. As part of the public notice, SNL posted a sign-in sheet and provided voluntary opportunity for attendees to provide their names and addresses. Following receipt of the Permit renewal application NMED made a determination that SNL has met all the regulatory standards of 20.4.1.900.C(1) NMAC, which required SNL to provide public notice of this action.

**Administrative Record.** The administrative records for the SNL RCRA permit application consists of the submitted permit application and all supporting documentation. The administrative record may be viewed on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the **NMED, Hazardous Waste Bureau**. To obtain a copy of the SNL administrative record or any part thereof at 25 cents per page, please contact Mr. Cornelius Amindyas at the Santa Fe address given above or by phone at (505) 841-9488.

Pursuant to 20.4.1.900 NMAC, incorporating 40 CFR 270.51(d), in a state with an authorized hazardous waste program, if a permittee has submitted a timely and complete application under applicable State law, the terms and conditions of the current RCRA operating permit continue in force beyond the expiration date of the permit until the effective date of the State's issuance or denial of a new RCRA permit.

**Proposed Action.** This notice is only intended to inform the public that the applications have been submitted to the NMED and that they are it is available for public review; **no action or decision is proposed by NMED at this time.**

**Public Comments.** In accordance with 20.4.1.900.C(2) NMAC, NMED notifies the public of its ability to review the Sandia National Laboratories Permit Application and submit written comments, opinions and inquiries on them or to be put on any of these facility's mailing lists to: Mr. John Kielsing, Manager, NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505-6303.

All written comments will become part of the administrative record